

England 'B'

V

Australia

St. ANDREW'S, BIRMINGHAM
MONDAY 17th NOVEMBER 1980
Kick-off: 7-30pm



Price: 15p

USA ACTION



Action from the last 'B' International held at Old Trafford on Tuesday 14th October 1989.

Above: West Bromwich Albion's Peter Barnes in full flight. Left: A busy game but no luck for England this time. The first goal in the game is shown below, the player Albion's Derek Statham.





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FOREWORD

BY F.A. SECRETARY, TED CROKER



It is some twelve years since The Football Association staged an international match at St. Andrew's. That was in 1968 when our Under 21's faced a 2-2 draw with The Netherlands. We look forward, therefore, with great pleasure to tonight's match with the Australians.

Birmingham is prospering in the soccer sense at the moment with Villa topping the League and City more than holding their own after their temporary fall from grace. Aided,ances may be disappointing, but these will surely take a turn for the better when the economic climate improves - especially if the success on the field continues.

I sincerely hope we shall have a good turn-out this evening for the visit of our friends from down under. I was fortunate enough to be with the full England side which played in Sydney during the Summer, in the company of Birmingham Director Jack Wiseman. We experienced a welcome which put paid once and for all to the idea that the Aussies are 'Pom-haters'.

They gave us nothing on the pitch, of course, making us fight all the way for our 2-1 win. No one will be able to complain if we get another 90 minutes like that tonight.

The re-introduction of 'B' internationals at the request of Ron Greenwood has proved to be an essential incident in the development of players of first team potential.

Players know that they are on the verge of the full national side, which is incentive enough, if any were needed, for them to perform to the best of their ability.

The game may be billed as a friendly, but I think we shall see plenty of commitment from both sides and more than enough entertainment for the spectators.

A Warm Welcome from England and Blues

Birmingham City Vice-Chairman, Mr Jack Wiseman, is particularly happy to extend the warm Blues' welcome to the visitors from down under.

Mr Wiseman, with his vast experience of soccer administration, led the England party for the game between the two countries last May.

Tonight he represents at least three official capacities - Blues' Vice-Chairman, a member of the England International Committee and Chairman of the Match and Grounds Committee.

Mr Wiseman said: "We're of course extremely happy to be staging international football at St. Andrew's."

"On the short England visit to Australia last May and June we established many new friends and contacts and it will be a pleasure to entertain them on their return visit."



Birmingham City Vice-Chairman
Mr JACK WISEMAN



AUSTRALIA

Australian Soccer Federation National 'A' Team Tour of England, Italy, Israel, and Indonesia

PEN PICTURES OF THE SQUAD

GREG WOODHOUSE Leichhardt

Goalkeeper. Age 20. A Rudi Gutendorf discovery. He emerged as the No. 1 goalie in national senior teams following his performances in the Australian youth team in New Zealand and Paraguay two years ago. Big, strong and courageous. Czechoslovakian coach Jozef Venglos rates him a player with a big future. Australian born and has played in nine internationals.

ALAN MAHER Melbourne

Goalkeeper. Age 30. Sole survivor of Australian team which competed in the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany. Known to his team mates as Spider because of his long arms and legs. Just *Shampson's* 'best' season in club football and it came as no great surprise that national coach Rudi Gutendorf should recall him for this tour. Played his last

Team Caption

Left to right: Tony Handerson, Eddie Krncevic, Jim Muir, Pat O'Connor, Ivo Prskalo, Jim Tansey, Peter Sherrin, Steve Perry, Ken Boden, Murray Barnes, Greg Woodhouse, Rudi Gutendorf.

international against Greece in Adelaide in 1976. Australian born player with 15 international appearances.

JIM TANSEY Heidelberg

Defender. Age 27. One of the more experienced players. Broke into the national team during Australia's unsuccessful World Cup campaign in 1977. Is essentially a left back. Cool under pressure and reads the game well. Likes to lend himself to the attack. Sixteen international appearances.

STEVE PERRY Brisbane City

Defender. Age 26. Undoubtedly Australia's most consistent player in internationals this year. Has made the right back position his own. A very aggressive tackler and a

player who loves to surge forward. Nine international appearances. Australian born.

ALAN DAVIDSON South Melbourne

Defender. Age 20. Exciting Australian born prospect who burst onto the scene in the last world youth elimination series against New Zealand, Israel and Paraguay. Plays left back in club football, but is a handy player in midfield. Recovered from a broken ankle to make the tour. Facile and has skill. Two international appearances.

IVO PRSKALO Marconi

Defender. Age 33. Oldest member of touring party, but a man with a wealth of experience. Rudi Gutendorf has been unable to find a sweeper who can read the game as well as Prskalo. Until such time Gutendorf finds a Beckerbauer he will probably persevere with Prskalo. Nine international appearances.

MIRO BERTOLINA Melbourne HB United

Defender. Age 20. Burst onto the representative scene last year when an Australian XI played Partizan Belgrade. Gutendorf chose him for a defensive midfield role and he was later selected for the China tour. Prefers to play as stopper where his strength is in the air. Another



Gary Cole



John Yzendoorn



Alan Davidson



Theo Selamichs



Mark Jankevics



Peter Shanne



John Spanos



Eric Bertagna

Australian born player. Two international appearances.

TONY HENDERSON
Marconi

Midfielder. Age 25. A player who loves to attack. Can create openings and packs a deadly shot. Is versatile and has played a lot of his football in the central defence. Some say this is his best position. Another of his qualities is his ability to win the ball in the air. Ten international appearances.

JOHN SPANOS
Sydney City

Midfielder. Age 19. Shock selection of touring squad. Unquestionably the find of the year. Completed first season in Philips League (Australia's premier competition) and played sweeper and midfield for the premier club. Tremendous work rate. Made two international youth appearances in Paraguay last year, but yet to play for national senior team.

JOHN YZENDOORN
Heidelberg

Midfielder. Age 25. Caught the eye of England coach Bobby Robson in the Centenary match at the Sydney Cricket Ground in May this year. Was invited to trial with Ipswich. Australia has lacked real creators and Yzendoorn has that gifted ability to make openings. He has played a lot of his football as sweeper and that's the

position he could finally clinch in the national team. Suffered a knee injury in the season. Seven international appearances.

THEO SELAMICHS
Heidelberg

Midfielder. Age 19. Another of the younger brigade who made his mark with the Australian youth team in Paraguay. Acceleration, ball control and strong tackle. He was not rewarded by the big occasion when he came on as substitute in the Centenary match against England this year. Three full international appearances.

KEN BODEN
Sydney City

Striker. Age 26. Unquestionably the most skillful player in Australia. And for that reason the most expensive! He makes goals—he scores goals. Without Boden it is doubtful whether the club would have won the Philips League title in Australia. A terror of defence. Outstanding dribbler. Scored 13 goals for his club. Seven international appearances.

PETER SHANNE
Marconi

Winger. Age 24. The man they call 'Bullet' because of his exceptional speed. England coach Bobby Robson rated Shanne the player who gave England the most trouble in the Centenary match in Sydney. Is a vital figure in Australia's World Cup campaign because of his ability to make goals. Represented Australia thirteen times. Australian born.

EDDIE KHNCEVIC
Marconi

Striker. Age 20. Fast and fearless. Another Australian youth team product. Burst onto the Philips League scene last year and was an instant hit. Scored 13 goals this year and is extremely dangerous in the air. Australian born and has made ten international appearances in senior teams.

MARK JANKEVICS
Marconi

Striker. Age 24. Forms a deadly attacking partnership in club football with Shanne and Khrncevic. Has the distinction of being the club's leading goalscorer for past two years. He scored 18 goals last year and 15 this season. Is maturing as a player. Biggest asset is his heading ability. Born in Australia and has appeared for his country on nine occasions.

GARY COLE
Heidelberg

Striker. Age 24. Block busting centre forward. Loves to give defences a hard time. Dynamic finisher and was the top marksman in the Philips League this year with 21 goals. Was asked to trial with AEK Athens this year. Another player who impressed England coach Bobby Robson in the Centenary match in Sydney. Eight international appearances.

MURRAY BARNES
Sydney City

Midfielder. Age 26. Nobody puts more drive into his game than Barnes. Has been in and out of national team for several

years. Strong tackle, aggressive manner and goalscorer. While he has played most of his club football in midfield, national coach Rudi Gutendorf played him as striker against Northern Ireland in the second international in Melbourne and he was a big success. Suffered a knee injury towards end of season. Australian born with 20 internationals to his credit.

JAMIE PATON
Heidelberg

Striker. Age 23. Yet to wear green and gold of Australia. Not surprising that he was chosen for tour after good club season. Scored 10 goals in PSL. Mopy and has a great understanding with Gary Cole—a dangerous striking duo.

RUDI GUTENDORF
Coach

Gutendorf brought a breath of fresh air to Australian soccer when he was appointed national coach two years ago. He likes to see goals scored and has the national team playing attacking football. Australia has achieved some very pleasing results this year—drawing with Czechoslovakia 2-2, drawing with Northern Ireland 1-1, beating AC Milan 2-1 and losing to England 2-1 in the Centenary match. The West German coach, who was in charge of Hamburg before he came to Australia is determined to see the Socceroos make it to the Cup Finals in Spain.

LES SCHEINFLUG
Assistant Coach

A top player in Australia before he turned to coaching 12 years ago. Assistant national coach to Rudi Rauri when Australia made the World Cup Finals in West Germany in 1974. Has achieved success as club coach in past two years. His club Marconi won the premiership last year and the Philips Cup, a knockout competition, this year. Named coach of the year last year.



AUSTRALIA v ENGLAND
Saturday 31st May 1980

Trevor Cherry introduces Brian Talbot to Sir Zelman Cowen, Governor General of Australia. Alongside is Sir Arthur George, Chairman of the Australian Soccer Federation. Seen in background, smiling is Ted Croker, Secretary of the FA. Birmingham City Director, Jack Wiseman is half-hidden behind Trevor Cherry and Sir Zelman.

ENGLAND

England 'B' Squad

GARY BAILEY—*Manchester United*. Goalkeeper. Made his debut in 1979 against Ipswich Town—the club his goalkeeper father Roy played for in the early 1960's. Began his own goalkeeping career in South Africa with Witwatersrand University, and since coming to England in 1977 has represented his country six times at Under 21 level and once at 'B' level.

PHIL PARKES—*West Ham United*. Goalkeeper. Age 29. Only one appearance for the senior team to date—against Portugal in 1974—but many for England at other levels. Was transferred across London from Chelsea's Park Rangers to West Ham for a £595,000 fee, and that makes him the most valuable goalkeeper in the world. Earlier this year he helped his new club to win the F.A. Cup against Arsenal at Wembley (1-0).

BRENDON RATSON—*West Bromwich Albion*. Full-back. Finding his first team opportunities few and far between at Arsenal, he switched to Cambridge United and made 163 League appearances for the Second Division side before being transferred to Albion. Capped at 'B' level for the first time against the USA last month.

KEVIN BOND—*Norwich City*. Defender. Hit the headlines last season as one of the promising youngsters who helped the East Anglian club to some exciting victories early on against Forest and Manchester United. In October 1979 he made his England 'B' debut against New Zealand. An accomplished full-back who flourished under his father's guidance at Carrow Road.

RUSSELL OSMAN—*Ipswich Town*. Defender. Captain of the England Schoolboys' rugby team for two seasons but then decided his future was with the association game. Was included in Ipswich Town's F.A. Cup Final squad, established a regular place in the first team in the 1978-79 season and now forms, with Terry Butler, a barrier hard to pass in the centre of the defence. Won his first senior cap in Australia in May.

SHAUN ELLIOTT—*Sunderland*. Defender/Midfielder. Got his England 'B' chance against Spain in March 1980 after some consistently impressive displays for Sunderland, a club who were en route for promotion to the First Division. Has made 130 League appearances prior to the start of this season, including 41 out of 42 last season, and scored nine goals. Can also play as a central defender.

DEREK STATHAM—*West Bromwich Albion*. Full-back. A Black Country boy born in Wolverhampton, Derek has made

over 100 League appearances for Albion and was a key player in the 1978-79 season when his club finished third in the First Division and at one stage even looked possible Championship winners. He is small (5' 6") but tenacious, and won the first of five Under 21 caps against Finland in 1977.

ALAN DEVONSHIRE—*West Ham United*. Midfield. One England 'B' cap—against Spain in March—and two senior caps against Northern Ireland and Australia at the end of last season. A player who drifted into non-League football with Southall, after being told that he would not make the grade as a professional. West Ham spotted his potential, and in May he rewarded their confidence in him by setting up the goal which won the Cup Final for the "Hammers."

St. Andrew's last staged an international on 12th November 1969, when England and Holland fought out a 2-2 draw in an Under 23 game. In the England ranks that evening were Peter Shilton, Billy Bonds and Roy McFarland, and Colin Todd was one of the substitutes. Jimmy Greenhoff, then a Birmingham City player but now with Third Division Blackpool, was England's centre-forward, and the Dutch side included Rob Rensenbrink, later to star in the World Cup.

DENNIS MORTIMER—*Aston Villa*. Midfield. Born Liverpool, England honours at Youth, Under 23 and 'B' levels and many wonder why no senior cap has completed the set. Signed from Coventry City on 23rd December 1975 and cost £175,000.

GORDON COWANS—*Aston Villa*. Midfield. Born County Durham. Honoured at several England levels and strongly tipped to make the senior squad. Came through Villa's Apprentice system and strongly tipped to reach full professional status in August 1976. Reached the first team at 17 and won a League Cup Winners' Medal in 1977. Named 'Young Player of the Year' by the panel of judges awarding the Robinsons Barley Water Trophy in May 1980.

BRIAN TALBOT—*Arsenal*. Midfield. Holder of six senior caps—three of them won on England's tour to South America in 1977 and the most recent in Australia in May—and eleven 'B' and Under 21 caps. Transferred to Arsenal from Ipswich in 1978 for a £450,000 fee and holds the distinction of having appeared in three consecutive Cup Finals—two for Arsenal and one for Ipswich against Arsenal.

STEVE WILLIAMS—*Southampton*. Midfield. One of the most experienced England Under 21 international players

with 14 caps. A tough midfielder who was brought into the side for the difficult two legs against East Germany in the U.E.F.A. Under 21 Competition last season, after missing the three previous fixtures. A Londoner who played for Southampton in the 1979 League Cup Final against Forest.

ALAN SUNDERLAND—*Arsenal*. Forward. Has six England 'B' and Under 21 caps and made his senior bow in Australia. Once a Wolves player, he now forms a free-scoring striking partnership for the North London club with Eric International Frank Stapleton. Had scored 27 League goals for Arsenal in 97 appearances prior to this season and knocked in the Cup Final winner against Manchester United in 1979.

CYRILLE REGIS—*West Bromwich Albion*. Forward. Albion signed him from Hayes, the Isthmian League club, for a



BOBBY ROBSON
England 'B' Manager

'B' internationals were reintroduced after a gap of twenty-one years by England manager Ron Greenwood in February 1976. They were seen as a means by which to assess the capabilities at international level of players who were too old to play in the Under 21 team and too untested, or with only the odd cap, at senior level.

Between 1945 and 1957 England played in nineteen 'B' internationals, winning ten of them. The new era of 'B' matches began with a 2-1 victory for England against West Germany in Zugspitze on 25th February 1956. England's scorers on that occasion were Terry McDermott and David Fairclough, both of Liverpool. The team was: Corrigan, Gibson, Kennedy A., Thompson, Newtham, Mortimer, Fairclough, McDermott, Marlow, Flowering (Sunderland substituted), Hill (Owen substituted).

Since then, England have achieved nine victories and one draw in the ten 'B' internationals played - a fairly impressive record. Last month in Manchester, Derek Statham's headed goal won the match against the United States. The England team was: Bailey, Bateson, Statham, Talbot, Oakes, Elliott, Barnes, Williams, Magis, Sunderland, Armstrong. The crowd at Old Trafford was 7,708.

very small fee in 1977 and have since found that he is able to score goals at the highest level. Some of his goals have been quite spectacular. Has played five times for the England Under 21 team and twice for the 'B' team.

PETER BARNES - **West Bromwich Albion.** Winger. Joined Albion in July 1979 for a £100,000 fee from Manchester City, for whom he made 118 League appearances. Son of former City midfielder Alan Barnes. Skilful winger who is only 22 and won the best of his 35 senior caps against Italy in 1977.

DAVID ARMSTRONG - **Middlesbrough.** Winger. A one-club man with over 300 first team appearances for the north east club. Won four Under 23 caps in the 1974-75 season, two 'B' caps this year, and his first senior cap in Australia in May.

KEVIN REEVES - **Manchester City.** Forward. Former Norwich City manager John Bond snapped Kevin up for £30,000

from the club he formerly managed - Fourth Division Bournemouth - and now they have linked up again at City. In the second half of last season Bond had let him go to First Division rivals City, after Malcolm Allison had made a £1 million bid for the player. He impressed on the summer tour of 1979, scoring two goals in two games for the Under 21 team, and made his senior England debut against Bulgaria a year ago.

PETER WARD - **Nottingham Forest.** Forward. A diminutive striker, so quick and sharp in and around the penalty area, who has made two appearances for the Under 21 team and scored three goals. Looked to be going to Forest last season from Brighton and the deal fell through, but the season finished on a happier note with a senior cap against Australia. Now he has joined the Forest ranks. Was spotted by Peter Taylor, then Brighton's manager, playing for non-League Burton.



BRENDON BATSON
West Bromwich Albion



KEVIN REEVES
Manchester City



PETER WARD
Nottingham Forest



BRIAN TALBOT
Arsenal

SQUADS

Tonight's teams will be chosen from the squad's listed below. The teams will be announced over the public address system before the kick-off. We suggest supporters mark the players' numbers in the boxes provided.

ENGLAND

White Shirts, Blue Shorts

- ☐ **GARY BAILEY**
Manchester United
- ☐ **PHIL PARKES**
West Ham United
- ☐ **BRENDON BATSON**
West Bromwich Albion
- ☐ **KEVIN BOND**
Norwich City
- ☐ **RUSSELL OSMAN**
Ipswich Town
- ☐ **SHAUN ELLIOTT**
Sunderland
- ☐ **DEREK STATHAM**
West Bromwich Albion
- ☐ **ALAN DEVONSHIRE**
West Ham United
- ☐ **DENNIS MORTIMER**
Aston Villa
- ☐ **GORDON COWANS**
Aston Villa
- ☐ **BRIAN TALBOT**
Arsenal
- ☐ **STEVE WILLIAMS**
Southampton
- ☐ **ALAN SUNDERLAND**
Arsenal
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- ☐ **PETER BARNES**
West Bromwich Albion
- ☐ **DAVID ARMSTRONG**
Middlesbrough
- ☐ **KEVIN REEVES**
Manchester City
- ☐ **PETER WARD**
Nottingham Forest

AUSTRALIA

Amber and Green

- ☐ **GREG WOODHOUSE**
Leichhardt
- ☐ **ALLAN MAHER**
Marconi
- ☐ **JIM TANSEY**
Heidelberg
- ☐ **STEVE PERRY**
Brisbane City
- ☐ **ALAN DAVIDSON**
South Melbourne
- ☐ **IVO PRSKALO**
Marconi
- ☐ **ARNO BERTOOGNA**
Newcastle KB United
- ☐ **TONY HENDERSON**
Marconi
- ☐ **JOHN SPANOS**
Sydney City
- ☐ **JOHN YZENDOORN**
Heidelberg
- ☐ **THEO BELEMIDIS**
Heidelberg
- ☐ **KEN BODEN**
Sydney City
- ☐ **PETER SHARNE**
Marconi
- ☐ **EDDIE KRNCIC**
Marconi
- ☐ **MARK JANKOVICS**
Marconi
- ☐ **GARY COLE**
Heidelberg
- ☐ **MURRAY BARNES**
Sydney City
- JAMIE PATON**
Heidelberg

Officials

Referee: PETER G. REEVES

Linesman: ALAN SEVILLE & RONALD P. DANSON
Red Flag Orange Flag